श्री सभापतिः मंत्री महोदय खुद ही कह रहे हैं कि अभी प्राइवेट एजेंसीज़ के रेगुलेशन की पूरी व्यवस्था नहीं हैं। व्यवस्था होने के बाद जानकारी मिलेगी।

Payments to extremists by Pakistan High Commission

*143. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:††
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan High Commission and its envoy were held responsible for making payments for distribution to extremists;

(b) if so, whether report reveals that a number of parties including Hurriyat were found in possession of the money paid by the Pakistan High Commission;

(c) whether Government have expelled all such members of the Pakistani High Commission who were held responsible;

(d) if so, whether Pakistan has protested on this issue; and

(e) what steps Government have taken against Pakistan on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(a) to (e) On February 6, Anjum Zamarud Habib was apprehended on coming out of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi and was found in possession of funds which she indicated had been received in the High Commission, *inter alia,* for distribution among terrorist outfits.

On February 8, 2003 Government asked Pakistan to withdraw its Charged' Affaires in New Delhi for involvement in this incident.

Government also asked Pakistan to withdraw four other officials of the High Commission in view of their involvement in this and some other acts incompatible with their official status.

Government of Pakistan, as it routinely does, denied the involvement of its officials and lodged a protest.

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri K.Natwar Singh.

Government is committed to take all necessary action to ensure that Government of Pakistan and its officials do not misuse their normal privileges and that Pakistan's attempts to promote terrorism directed against India are completely thwarted.

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Sir, first of all I would like to thank that the distinguished ministerial troika of the External Affairs Ministry for being present here in full force. In paragraph 2 of the reply, you have stated that the Charged Affairs of Pakistan in Delhi was declared *persona non grata* because of his involvement in this incident. Was he actually caught handing over money to the lady, Anjum Zamarud Habib. Where was she arrested- from outside the Pak High Commission, or, at some distance from the Pak High Commission.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : माननीय सभापति जी, हमारे सम्मानित सदस्य ने जो सवाल पूछा है इसकी पूरी जानकारी उनको भी है, यह मुझे जानकारी है । लेकिन उन्होंने सदन के माध्यम से मुझसे सवाल पूछा है इसलिए इसके बारे में बताना जरूरी है । आपको पता है और इसकी पूरी जानकारी अखबारों में भी छप चुकी हैं कि जिस व्यक्ति, महिला को हमारी पुलिस ने पकड़ा था, उसके माध्यम से पूरी जानकारी मिली और उसके सबूत भी हम लोगों को मिले और उसके आधार पर वह कार्यवाही की गई । वहां पर देते हमने उनको नहीं पकड़ा था ।

Satyagraha by workers

*144. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:††

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on January 8, 2003 a nation-wide Satyagraha was observed by the workers affiliated to different Central Trade Unions and independent employees federations;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Prasanta Chatterjee.